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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Public School Academy Superintendents, Public Universities and Community Colleges, Public School Academy Authorizers

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
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SUBJECT: Announcement of 2013-2014 Charter School Planning, Implementation and Dissemination Grant Opportunity

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has received from the United States Department of Education (USED) a grant award of **\$9,031,200** for use during the 2013-2014 school year to strengthen the pool of charter school developers in Michigan and support new charter schools. The three types of subgrants are:

- 1) **New public school academies opening Fall 2013** will be invited to compete for a twelve-month, combination planning-implementation grant. The competitive grant awards may be approved for up to \$250,000 with \$50,000 set aside for planning tasks and up to \$200,000 for implementation. Successful completion of the competitive grant qualifies this new public school academy to apply for a second year combination planning-implementation grant in the amount of up to \$250,000.
- 2) **Earlier stage Public School Academy (PSA) developers planning for a Fall 2014 or Fall 2015 opening** may be eligible to compete for eighteen-month planning grants. These competitive grant awards may also be approved for up to \$100,000 in planning expenses, and successful completion of the planning grant, along with acquisition of a charter (and the subsequent issuance of a district code), will qualify the PSA to apply for further first and second year implementation funding of up to \$200,000 annually.

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- 3) A portion of the 2013-2014 federal award (\$903,120) may be available to schools within Michigan PSAs that have **not already received a dissemination grant and** may apply if they:

- have been in operation for at least three consecutive academic years, and
- are financially viable and operationally successful, and
- are an existing school qualifying for School of Excellence status, or
- if they have been listed in the top quartile of the Top to Bottom List for the last two years in which a List has been published, or ~~serve Strict Discipline Academies (SDAs) or Alternative Education populations and have alternative evidence of their academic success.~~

Individual information sessions are available for eligible applicants as needed and can be scheduled by emailing the Public School Academies unit at MDEPSAGrant@michigan.gov.

Applications for the 2013-2014 Charter School Planning, Implementation and Dissemination Grant Program funding will be posted on the MDE's website at <http://www.michigan.gov/charters>. The applications will be available and must be submitted through the *Michigan Electronic Grants System, Plus (MEGS+)*.

Questions regarding the Charter School Program Grant application should be directed to Kim Sidel in the Office of Education Improvement & Innovation, Public School Academies Unit, at sidelk@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance